

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for tracking distribution of an electronic work, comprising:

distributing ~~[[an]]~~ said electronic work to a user at a first player with a distribution cookie for tracking a wireless broadcast distribution path of said electronic work and any responses by recipients of said electronic work along said wireless broadcast distribution path; ~~claim 37, 0054, 0060, 0111~~

detecting a localized broadcast of ~~[[an]]~~ said electronic work with said distribution cookie from said first player at ~~[[at]]~~ least one second player;

accepting a separate copy of said distribution cookie from said first player at said at least one second player with said broadcast of said electronic work;

updating each said separate copy of said distribution cookie at each said at least one second player with tracking information about a location of said at least one second player and with a response by a separate recipient at each said at least one second player to said electronic work, wherein said response comprises at least one from among a purchase of said electronic work and a rating of said electronic work; ~~[[and]]~~ ~~dependent claim 5, 0054, 0060, 0061, 0062, 0085, 0111~~

broadcasting said electronic work with each said separate copy of said distribution cookie from each said at least one second player to at least one next player; ~~dep claim 6, 0062, 0111~~

updating each said separate copy of said distribution cookie at each said second player with a time stamp of said broadcast of said electronic work to said at least one next player; ~~dep claim 6, 0060, 0111~~

responsive to detecting a network connection at least one of at said at least one second player and said at least one next player to a tracking server, providing said

separate copy of said distribution cookie from at least one of said at least one second player and said at least one next player to said tracking server;

analyzing each said separate copy of said distribution cookie received at said tracking server from at least one of said at least one second player and said at least one next player to determine at least one from among a distribution rate of said electronic work detected from each [[said]] time stamp, a region of distribution of said electronic work detected from each said location, a rating average for said electronic work from ratings by any of said recipients of said electronic work, and any purchases of said electronic work made by any of said recipients of said electronic work; and claim ~~38~~, 0055, 0056, 0057, 0058, 0061, 0062, 0104, 0111

providing said user at said first player with an electronic compensation based on a type of distribution of said electronic work by said user from said analysis of said distribution cookie. Claim ~~37~~, 0063

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1 for tracking distribution of an electronic work, wherein accepting a distribution cookie further comprises:

allowing playback of said electronic work at said at least one second player only if said recipient at said at least one second player accepts said distribution cookie.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1 for tracking distribution of an electronic work, further comprising:

receiving said distribution cookie at said first player from a distribution server, wherein said distribution cookie identifies at least one from among said distribution server, a purchaser identification, a purchase identification, a time of purchase, a location of purchase, an incentive for distribution of said electronic work, and an incentive for purchase of said electronic work.

Claims 5-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 for tracking distribution of an electronic work, further comprising:

triggering said communication from at least one of said at least one second player and said at least one next player with said tracking server from a link specified in each said copy of said distribution cookie.

Claims 11-41 (Canceled).